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1. DURING MEETINGS WITH TREASURY UNDER SECRETARY BENNETT
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS ON OCTOBER 2, GATT DIRECTOR-
GENERAL LONG MADE STRONG PITCH FOR US SUPPORT OF HIS
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EFFORTS TO IMPOSE STRICT LIMIT ON MEMBERSHIP OF PROPOSED

GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP.

2. LONG NOTED THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN RECENT SESSIONS OF SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN AND INDICATED THAT 16-MEMBER FORMULA CALLING FOR EIGHT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING ONE EASTERN EUROPEAN (P) AND EIGHT LDC'S (INCLUDING TWO MEDITERRANEAN REPRESENTATIVES) SEEMED TO BE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME. SPECIFICALLY, SEVEN DC'S WOULD INCLUDE US, CANADA, EC, JAPAN, NORDIC MEMBER, EFTA MEMBER AND AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND MEMBER, WHILE LDC MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE COMPRISED OF TWO REPS FROM EACH OF FOLLOWING FOUR GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS: LATING AMERICA, AFRICA, ASIA AND MEDITERRANEAN.

3. LONG ACKNOWLEDGED PROBLEM THE ABOVE COMPOSITION MIGHT POSE FOR SOME BUT ADDED THAT BALANCE AS BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S WOULD NOT NECESSARILY WORK TO DISADVANTAGE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THUS, HE NOTED, WHILE EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBER OF DEVELOPED GROUP MIGHT SOMETIMES SIDE WITH LDCS, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM MEDITERRANEAN AREA MIGHT WELL JOIN WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THEREBY RESTORING BALANCE.

4. LONG SAID 7 PLUS 7 GROUP HAD SETTLED ALL ASPECTS OF GATT MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL EXCEPT FOR MEMBERSHIP QUESTION AND THAT HE HOPES DECISION WILL BE REACHED ON THIS PROBLEM AT NEXT SESSION OF 7 PLUS 7 ON OCTOBER 8. HE HOPED U.S. WOULD BE PRESENT AND WOULD SUPPORT HIS PROPOSAL. LONG SAID HE INTENDS TO PRESENT FINAL PACKAGE TO GATT COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 21 AND ULTIMATELY TO 30TH SESSION OF CP'S NOVEMBER 18-22.

5. MISSION SHOULD SUPPORT LONG'S EFFORTS TO LIMIT MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT GROUP. HOWEVER, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT COMPOSITION FORMULA OUTLINED BY LONG (AND ANY OTHER FORMULA FOR THAT MATTER) WHICH COULD RESULT IN LDC-ORIENTED VIEWS DOMINATING WORK OF MANAGEMENT GROUP.

6. WE CONVEYED OUR CONCERNS REGARDING ABOVE FORMULA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(PARA 2) TO PATTERSON ON OCTOBER 2 FOLLOWING LONG'S TALKS HERE. PATTERSON SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEM AND WOULD TRY TO COME UP WITH NEW SOLUTION. IF LONG UNABLE TO COME UP WITH VIABLE ALTERNATIVE, AND IF AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER KEY DC DELEGATIONS YOU FIND THAT THEY DO NOT OPPOSE HIS 16 MEMBER PROPOSAL, YOU MAY ACCEPT IT ALSO. HOWEVER, IF OTHER DC'S RAISE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH LONG FORMULATION YOU SHOULD

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE.
(FYI - JAPANESE HAVE TOLD US THEY WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE
ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES COULD
LOSE CONTROL OF MANAGEMENT GROUP.) KISSINGER

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